

REMARKS

The Examiner's Office Action dated on March 19, 2004 has been received and its contents carefully considered.

In this Amendment, the specification and claims 1 and 4 have been amended. Claim 2 has been canceled without prejudice or waiver. Claims 8-11 have been added to further protect the invention. Claims 1 and 8 are the independent claims. Claims 1 and 3-11 are now pending in the application. For at least the following reasons, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

The specification has been objected to because of informalities. In response, the specification has been amended, taking the Examiner's comments into consideration. It is submitted that the specification complies with all official provisions, and it is requested that this objection be withdrawn.

Claims 1-3, 5-6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ditzik (U.S. Patent No. 5,983,073). It is submitted that these claims are patentably distinguishable over the cited reference for at least the following reasons.

It is well established that, for a proper rejection of a claim under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being obvious based upon a single reference, the reference must disclose, teach, or suggest, either implicitly or explicitly, all elements/features/steps of the claim at issue. *See, e.g., In Re Dow Chemical*, 5 U.S.P.Q.2d 1529, 1531 (Fed. Cir. 1988), and *In re Keller*, 208 U.S.P.Q.2d 871, 881 (C.C.P.A. 1981).

Applicant's independent claim 1, as amended, recites:

1. A notebook computer with a web pad equipped display, comprising:

a base unit; and

a display, which is detachable from the base unit and can close to and open from the base unit when jointed to the base unit, wherein the display comprises:

a display panel;

a motherboard which is electrically connected to the display panel;

a microprocessor which is situated on the motherboard; and

a telecommunication device which is electrically connected to the motherboard;

wherein the display becomes an independent web pad when the display is detached from the base unit, and the notebook computer is formed when the display is jointed to the base unit.

Ditzik discloses a modular multiple function display-computer system, where one can use the same relatively high resolution color flat panel display in both a desktop and mobile environment (col. 2, lines 28-31). The capability of performing both office desktop and portable/mobile computing and communications applications is combined in one system (col. 2, lines 36-37). The Office Action alleges that Ditzik teaches that "... a display is detachable from the base unit (item 10, Fig. 1) and can close to and open from the base unit when jointed to the base unit (See Figs. 1-2, items 2, 8-10, 16, Col. 3, Lines 60-61)". In addition, Ditzik in column 3, lines 60-61 teaches that "[A]n expandable hinge means 10 connects the flat panel display assembly and cover assembly (8, 9 and 16)."

In contrast, claim 1, as amended, recites that **a display, which is detachable from the base unit and can close to and open from the base unit when jointed to the base**

unit, becomes an independent web pad when the display is detached from the base unit, and the notebook computer is formed when the display is jointed to the base unit. Ditzik does not disclose or otherwise suggest a display, which is **detachable from the base unit and can close to and open from the base unit when jointed to the base unit, and becomes an independent web pad when detached from the base unit, wherein the notebook computer is formed when the display is jointed to the base unit,** as recited in amended claim 1. The features relied on by the Examiner as being a display are apparently items 2, 8-10, 16. However, there is no disclosure or suggestion that these items **are detachable from the base unit and can close to and open from the base unit when jointed to the base unit, and become an independent web pad when detached from the base unit.** As such, it is respectfully submitted that Applicants' independent claim 1, as well as the claims dependent therefrom, are patentably distinguishable over the cited reference. It is requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claim 4 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ditzik as applied to claim 1, and further in view of Markinwa et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,750,939). Because Markinwa et al. do not overcome the above-noted deficiencies of Ditzik, it is submitted that claim 4 is patentably distinguishable over the cited references for at least the same reasons as independent claim 1, from which this claim depends, as well as for the additional features recited therein. Therefore, it is requested that the rejection of claim 4 be withdrawn.

Claim 7 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ditzik as applied to claim 1, and further in view of Chen et al. (Pub. No.: US

2001/0030950 A1). Because Chen et al. do not overcome the above-noted deficiencies of Ditzik, it is submitted that claim 7 is patentably distinguishable over the cited references for at least the same reasons as independent claim 1, from which this claim depends, as well as for the additional features recited therein. Therefore, it is requested that the rejection of claim 7 be withdrawn.

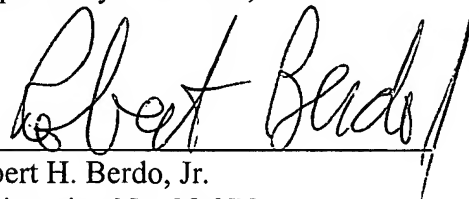
Finally, claims 8-11 have been added to further protect the invention with a different scope. Claims 8-11 are supported by "DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT" of the application; thus, no new matter is added. It is requested that these claims be allowed.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that this application with claims 1-11 is in condition for allowance. Notice of such allowance and the passing of the application to issue, are earnestly requested.

Should the Examiner feel that a conference would be helpful in expediting the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned counsel to arrange for such an interview.

Respectfully submitted,



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